

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons which follow.

Claims 1-6 are cancelled. New claims 7-13 are submitted herein.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

The claim numbering used in this amendment and response is based on Claims 1-3 being presented in the original application, and claims 4-6 being presented in the Amendment submitted 17 August 2006. If this claim numbering is incorrect, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner indicate the correct claim numbering.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 7-13 are now pending in this application.

The cancellation of prior claims 1-6 is believed to have rendered the Examiner's objections moot. However, for clarity, those objections are discussed below.

Interview Summary

On or about February 6, 2007, a telephonic interview was conducted between the inventor and Examiner Russel Negin. The previously submitted response, including the terms "sexual" and "reproductive", the Examiner's recommendation to Applicant to engage a patent attorney, and potential claim subject matter was discussed. No agreement was reached on allowable claims.

Drawings

Amended drawing were previously submitted which are believed to obviate the objections in the Office Action mailed 06/17/2006. If any issue remains concerning the drawings, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner notify the undersigned and allow supplementation of this response.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 USC §112 second paragraph as allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is inapplicable to the new claims 7-13 submitted herein, and requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 USC §101 as allegedly being drawing to unpatentable subject matter, that is, a grouping algorithm. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. New claims 6-12 specify that the method is conducted in a dating service. In this context, a person of ordinary skill in the art recognizes that the matching inherently includes a reporting or display component, such that results are provided visually to one or more individuals. Thus, the matching is not simply a matching algorithm as asserted by the Examiner.

As a result, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections as they may be considered in connection with the present claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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